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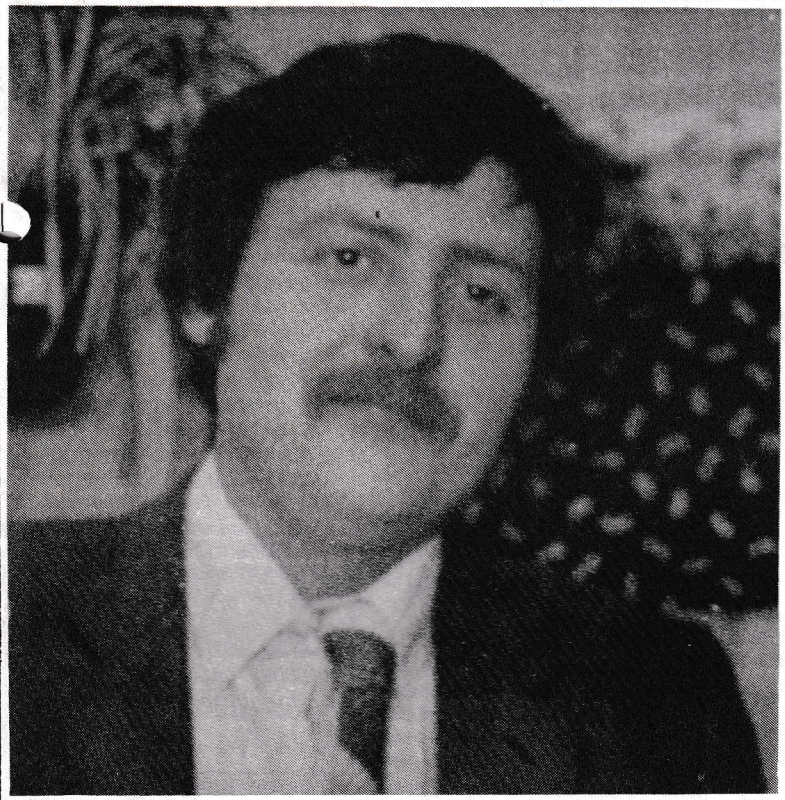

'I WAS TAILED BY MY BOSS'S PRIVATE EYE'

WE SAY WHAT THEY DARENT

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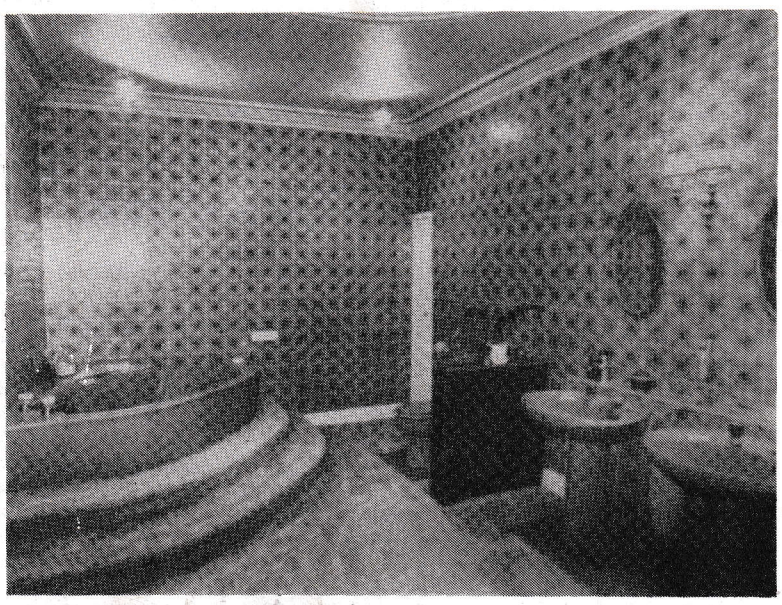

Meanies

PETER TURNER manager of ASHTON Social Security Office is refusing furniture grants to single people, but local estate agents say he's got it all wrong.

If you're single, been homeless, but recently found a place to live, don't bother asking ASHTON DHSS for a furniture grant. They'll tell you there's "suitable alternative furnished accommodation available in the area." That is to say;"*NO*".

But recently TAMESIDE HOUSING AID quizzed estate agents who said there's very little available, and even that's unsuitable as there is rarely security of tenure. Which makes TURNER's reading of the rule book not only silly, but rather un - pleasant. Especially as many of those applying have recently left an institution - hospital, prison - and need all the help they can get to start leading their life afresh.□

Market parkers

ASHTON market traders are furious about the new £4 a week parking charges TAMESIDE are imposing on them now that the £11m administrative DUSTBIN is fully operational. The traders are being charged £4 to park their vans and cars whilst the denizens of the DUSTBIN - who will be taking up all the parking space anyhow- park for free.

Our angry informant was particularly interested to know whether TAMESIDE's £11,000 a year market Boss MR.BRYAN, his £8,500 a year assistant JOHN HOBSON, and the £7,000 a year market foreman LES FITTON will be paying to park their cars.

Well sir, the answer is no. But if any market traders wish to pursue the matter further they could do worse than phone LES FITTON'S relative Councillor BRIERLEY who is the Markets Committee Chairman. □

Bell's word

Appalling bewigged Tory Councillor JOHN BELL has a new hobby. He invents words. At February's council meeting, councillors and local news hacks reached for their pocket dictionaries when they heard the dreadful Ding-dong say he had been *"unindated!?"*

Well, whatever it is it couldn't have happened to a nicer fella! Now here's another word for you JOHN, *APHASIA* it means the loss of the power of speech due to a malady of the brain.□

Blueprint

An angry EYE reader, furious about the 'insufferable' MICHAEL WINTERBOTTOM (Ashton's prospective Tory Parliamentary candidate) has sent us a copy of the local Tories newsletter, BLUEPRINT.

In an article entitled "Peace through strength" WINTERBOTTOM rages against Commie disarmers and Bolshie Soviet aggressors and the only 'news' is that U.S. defence spending has declined (!)

Last year WINTERBOTTOM invited ENOCH POWELL to speak in ASHTON and - besides causing problems at the debt-ridden HURST COMMUNITY CENTRE whose rooms he booked - he promptly lost the entire local Asian vote.□

Breakers

There have been ructions at the ROYAL GEORGE HOTEL GREEN FIELD recently. For some time the 'Good Buddies' of Mossley's 'Bellair Breakers Club' have been meeting there on a Thursday evenings, but Landlord KEN MURRAY has called a halt to their "eyeballing" sessions. In a letter to their secretary he alleges that following their get-together on 11th February he found broken chairs, tables with names written on them and the room "not left as one should hope to find it." EYE understands that a member of the "Bellair Breakers Club" offered to pay for any damage that MR. MURRAY cared to show him, but his offer was not accepted and the club is still not welcome at the ROYAL GEORGE.

Presumably the breakers from snooty SADDLEWORTH, who also meet at the ROYAL GEORGE, are better behaved.□

Homework

EYE reader JUNE HUMPHRIES was hoping to get a job she could do at home when she answered two adverts in THE ADVERTISER.

They both offered quick, easy money for "quick easy home work" so she sent off stamped addressed envelopes for details. She didn't get any details. Instead she got an identical leaflet from both companies demanding a further £2 for lists of companies offering homework. Sensibly she decided to cut her losses and didn't send the money.

We would strongly advise our readers NOT to fall for these 'homework'ads; if enough people send these middlemen companies £2 for 'further information' they make a nice little profit on their initial advertising outlay and even if you DO get 'homework' you'll get ripped off. Most 'homework' is sweated labour at appalling rates of pay.□

Biggles on stage

We are proud to be the first to reveal that one of TAMESIDE EYE's folk heroes - accident prone Helicopter fiend, LEON "Biggles" HOWARD is to have his story put on stage. The Manchester Actors Co. (with our permission of course) have produced a musical play telling the real truth behind the legend that is *BIGGLES!*

This quote from the press release shows how well the writers have succeeded in their portrayal of TAMESIDE's greatest aviator. *"Biggles life-long romance with flying EXPLODES on to the stage in this brand new production.....*"

Many a true word etc.etc.□

Trips round the Pope

GMT are making plans for moving up to *one million* people into HEATON PARK on May 31st. Some services will start running at 3am. A bus bound for the Park will leave ASHTON every ten minutes, but EYE can only see trouble coming out of GMT's efforts. Passengers will start wondering what's so special about MAY 31st? Why can't it be done *every* day? The Pope should visit MANCHESTER more often. At least we'd have a *decent* bus service.□

'EYE' told you so

We've always maintained that the news gets into the EYE before it actually happens, and here's an - other example.
As long ago as EYE 22 we awarded the BOWER GRIND - ING RUBBER CO LTD of MICKLEHURST the coveted title 'Smelliest factory of the month' only months after it had moved from CARRBROOK to MICKLEHURST. Following that article BOWER Director S. RAISTRICK sent us a snotty letter. We make no apologies for reprinting this letter because it makes interest- ing reading in view of the recent nuisance order taken out by TAMESIDE against MR.RAISTRICK's niffy grinding works: the second such order his company has had served against it in as many years.
No doubt MR. RAISTRICK will soon be shifting shop once more, in search of yet more unpolluted pastures.▷

DEAR EYE.
Your item on the Bower Grinding Co.Ltd. in Issue No.22 was most misleading and totally incorrect viz:

- We were not 'the smell- iest factory this month' or any other month, as what little smell we create is through grind- ing and granulating cured rubber and does not create a nuisance.
- We certainly did not leave Carrbrook because we were served with a nuisance order but to increase our production and workforce in larger more modern premises.
- We do not burn rubber but we merely granulate and grind it to a powder in the interest of re- clamation economics to help British Industry to be more competitive.
- The only time that rubber was burned was when a young boy set fire to some scrap rubber outside the premises, but was apprehended by the Pol- ice and subsequently appeared in court.

Yours truly,
S.RAISTRICK
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NAUGHTY BITS

No less than 14 tits and 7 bums have been making nightly live appearances on stage at TAMESIDE THEATRE in an utterly vile and disgusting affront to the people of TAMESIDE who of course have neither tits nor bums.

A spokesman for local Christians MR. PETER KNOWLES of Denton finds the appear- ance of nude ladies "an insult to the Christian members of the community"▷ and that crusty campaigner PATRICK McENANY who as a former watch-committee member will have seen more smutty films than most sees them as the "kind of things that weaken the moral fibre of the Nation."
To the manager of TAMESIDE THEATRE, MR. JACK CLARK we would say only this.
"Even if you had sent us press tickets (and heaven knows our address is clear enough on the back page) wild horses would not have dragged us to see this low exhibition of parts which in better days could only be found in the pages of Health and Efficiency or the National Geographical Magazine.□

Full circle

We knew it!
Only months after the grand opening of TAME- SIDE's brand new £11m ad- ministrative DUSTBIN in ASHTON there's talk of decentralising it. First off the mark is TAMESIDE's community liason officer, FRANK SKINNER. He says that DENTON folk have been complaining that the DUSTBIN is too remote from them (*surprise, sur-*▷ *prise!*), but was able to reassure them that there is a move to give DENTON its own *'district centre'*.

When FRANK says 'district centre' do you think he means 'town hall?'
How long, we wonder, before some bright spark with too many diplomas and no sense decides that we need district centres all over TAMESIDE, and suggests that we put these 'district centres' in the old town halls TAMESIDE is having to close down because they've opened the DUSTBIN?□

Welcher

What is MR. ELLIS of the DUKINFIELD-based ELLIS CRANE HIRE up to? Up in HEY- WOOD, ROCHDALE they're not too impressed by his perfor- mance. He offered to put up▷ £20,000 to kit out a local Church that was being alter- ed for community use, but nothing came of it. ELLIS also claims his firm is a cooperative - does this mean *all* the work-force drive a smart BMW car?□

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Jobline

North-West Euro MP BAR- BARA CASTLE's visit had TAMESIDE PUBLICITY DEPT. in a sweat. ANDREWs (sisters) ROBINSON and WETTERS were to be seen putting the "Operation Jobline" Exhibition back up in time for her ladyship's arrival. Close observers point out that the exhib- ition had only been taken down the week before.□

Man of letters

We congratulate that pro- lific correspondant JOHN SPENCER, of 11 STAMFORD ARCADE, on having letters in both the REPORTER and the ADVERTISER this week. We understand that the letter in the ADVERTISER is the latest in a series of almost twenty, all of which have ended up in editor CHADDERTON's waste▷ bin. At least one of these was of a highly imaginative nature, offering CHADDERTON a photograph of copulating donkeys. Our view is that this is just the sort of thing the ADVERTISER needs to brighten up its boring pages.
EYE readers will know JOHN SPENCER better as "E.R. BARRACLOUGH", whose unusual and illuminating letters have appeared in our own columns in the past.□

Petty Cash

Avid followers of the fortune of PHILIP DAWSON, local property magnate and leading light in local TORY circles, may recall EYE 16. In it we wondered where PHILIP gets all his cash. Now we know . . .

He gets it out of one of several petty cash boxes at the office PHILIP owns in CLARENCE ARCADE, STAMFORD ST. ASHTON. And leaves an IOU behind in the box. Which means he's forever juggling between boxes to keep things on an even keel. Mind you, office staff at DAWSON's estate agency, recently linked up with SNAPE, don't get much more than 'petty cash' for wages either.

Clarence Arcade is ASHTON's SOUTHFORK. Upstairs you'll find DAWSON's patriotic company secretary, GEOFFREY ECKERSALL, gazing at the picture of the Queen hanging on his wall. Whilst at KITCHEN KING, inside the Arcade, you can find Tory election agent MARTIN WEST sweating as he humps his electrical goods around.□

Now, if you want to know what PHILIP does with all that petty cash, see p.5.

Tight

PADDY MURPHY, one of HYDE's more colourful publicans, has difficulty keeping his managers at his Free House in NEWTON, THE BANK COTTAGE. Most of them don't seem to last more than three months - although one did manage 18 months. PADDY, who drives an impressive looking Mercedes, finds it hard to trust anyone. Every other week he sends JOHN WILLIAMS, an ex-Brewery Stocktaker, round to check The Bank Cottage stocks. If the figures are wrong PADDY cheerfully deducts the amount from his manager's wages.□

Trident

Council tenants on MOORSIDE estate, DROYLSDEN, are hopping mad about 'repairs' being done to their flats by TRIDENT of ASHTON, a council subcontractor.

EYE reader MR HOWARD of THORNHILL RD. phoned us to say that he and other tenants had received letters from TRIDENT stating that the work on each flat would take about two days. Work started TWO MONTHS ago, and isn't finished yet. Instead of completing work on each flat in turn, the contractors are doing the same job in all flats, then returning to each days later for the next small job. And each time they come in they leave a mess behind them. Tenants complain that "hurricanes blow through our living rooms" due to ill fitting door and window frames.□

Astonished

An EYE reader rang in, astonished that PHILIP JAY who featured in last month's EYE, was still dealing in cars. The reader recalls the time in 1976 when he bought a mini traveller from PHIL JAY CAR SALES at ASHTON STREET SERVICE STATION, AUDENSHAW.

"It nearly wiped out my family." It had defective brakes, steering, suspension and the rear subframe had rusted away.□

Too Late

The group of unemployed youths who spent so much time doing up DUKINFIELD YOUTH CLUB, only to see it destroyed when people broke in, are feeling very let down. Before the final break in, when so much damage occurred, there had been minor forced entries. The council promised to make the building properly secure. By the time TAMESIDE got men on site to do the job, the place was in tatters.□

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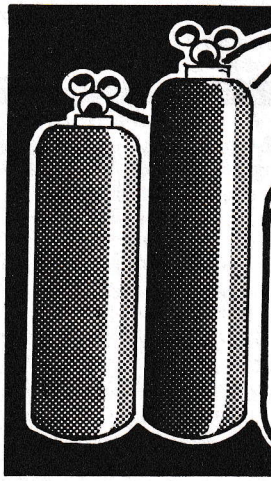
Exploited

METCALFE, ambitious head of TAMESIDE PERSONNEL DEPT., is on a collision course with NALGO, the town hall staff union, over the many government-funded temporary job schemes he wants to implement.

TAMESIDE NALGO have decided not to approve any more council schemes for jobless adults and young people, which are funded by the government's MANPOWER SERVICES COMMISSION (MSC). In addition they want all the present schemes, which are run through METCALFE's deputy, JOYCE FARRELL, to have the same pay and conditions as council workers and to be part of the council's closed shop agreement.

This is going to create a massive headache for PERSONNEL, the department the LABOUR PARTY were pledged in their last manifesto to disband. METCALFE has been using the MSC schemes to justify his department's existence.

At present about 250 young people earn £25 per week working alongside school technicians, nursery nurses and clerical staff. The proposed 'YOUTH ENTERPRISE SCHEME', due to start this autumn but now hopelessly behind schedule, is meant to cater for 1,500 sixteen-nineteen year olds. NALGO's opposition to this and to 'COMMUNITY LINKS' - the revised version of a Council 'Keystone Cops' to protect Council property from vandals (see EYE 30) - could lead to a major dispute.□



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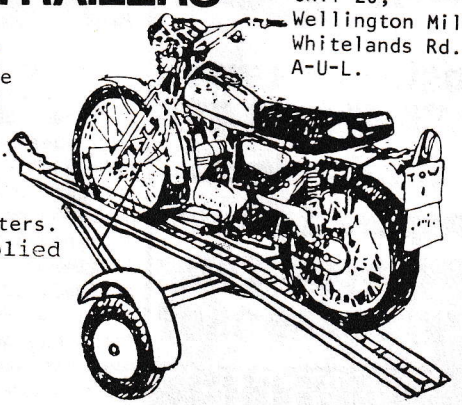


Where the other half lives

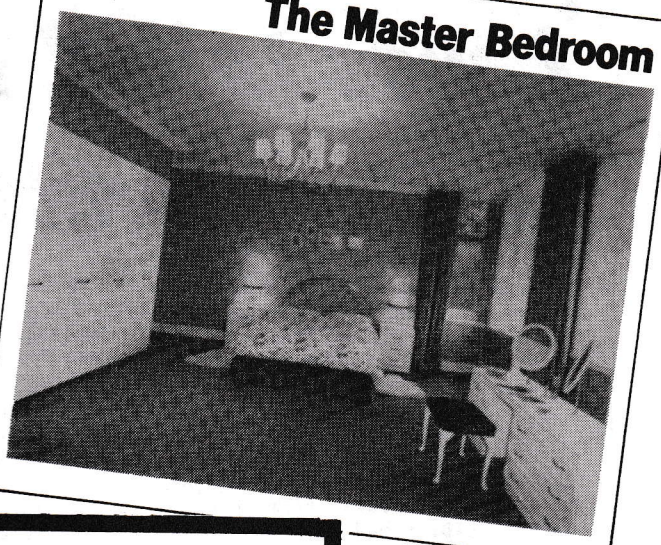
THE MODEST LITTLE MANSION PICTURED ABOVE IS THORN-CLIFFE HALL IN HOLLINGWORTH. COSY HOME OF TAMESIDES LEADING ESTATE AGENT AND TOP TORY PHILIP DAWSON.HE'S BEEN TRYING TO SELL IT FOR A YEAR. ITS ONLY £140,000.

The lounge

This is where PHIL and his pal DEREK HARTLE J.P. (who lives next door at MOTTRAM OLD HALL) plot their canny property deals .The window looks out onto six acres of lawns , paddocks, court-yards and stables.

The lounge , the house and the view are paid for out of the proceeds from enterprises like ST.PAUL'S TRADING ESTATE at COPLEY MILL, rent-collecting for LONGDENDALE HOUSING SOCIETY, and masterminding the CARRBROOK shopping precinct.

The Master Bedroom



One of PHIL's four big bedrooms. We can't imagine what he, and his wife JOAN, do in them all. But they're all pretty big so we guess it must be some thing pretty athletic. Ping pong maybe, or lacrosse.

Phil's blurb on the house informs prosp -ective buyers that 'local transport and buses are quite convenient'. Does he imagine that anyone loaded enough to buy his hovel will be travelling by bus?

The bog

Wealthy folk must poo more than the rest of us , because PHIL has three of these lavish loos to meditate in. Take a look at that cosy khazi coyly hidden behind that tiled wall. Members of Parliament like ENOCH POWELL and WILLIAM WHITELAW have wee wee'ed there!

The dining room

This is where PHIL tucks into baked beans on toast when entertaining important political contacts like local TORY leader COLIN GRANTHAM. ECONOMIC RECESSION? 3,000,000 UNEMPLOYED? PHOOEY ! SAYS PHIL.

'I was tailed by my boss's private eye'

The curious troubles of company director TREFFLYN JONES began after he was thrown out of THE MOSS SIDE HOTEL in ASHTON for exposing his ample bottom to the startled occupants of the best room.

The tale as told by his sacked workers, and then by the man himself....

TREFFLYN - owner of the small ASHTON catering firm CATERFIX LTD. - had been on good terms with his key workers until that fateful day at the MOSS SIDE HOTEL in February 1981.

From 1979 onwards CATERFIX manager GED GREENHALGH had expanded the CATERFIX business whilst TREFFLYN occupied himself with his absorbing hobby - C.B. RADIO. But the incident in the MOSS SIDE HOTEL - where TREFFLYN, GED and some of the engineers used to drink together - came at a difficult time for the middle-aged C.B. fanatic.

GED GREENHALGH claims he'd left . GOOD BUDDIES C.B. CLUB under a cloud. It seems that the wily TREFFLYN had arranged to buy personalised C.B. tee shirts for his club members on the understanding that the £1 profit he made would go to charity. Which it did. Except that TREFFLYN forgot to tell his good buddies that the difference between the cost price and the sale price had in fact been £2. When the club made it known that his services were no longer required, TREFFLYN expressed surprise. Business after all is business!

Still, the experience was not wasted. For the indefatigable TREFFLYN immediately joined the 99 C.B. CLUB at SHADES in STALYBRIDGE. He had learnt from his experience at the GOOD BUDDIES. He spoke on PICCADILLY RADIO about the charitable work done by C.B.ers whilst at home his wife was busy printing tee shirts on the special machine TREFFLYN had bought so that the 'agents' of ▷ this wily Welsh entrepreneur could sell them to C.B. clubs all over TAMESIDE without anyone suspecting they came from TREFFLYN. Business was so good he opened the 'SHIRTS' tee shirt shop on OLD STREET ASHTON.

Inexplicably the 99 CLUB voted TREFFLYN out at their first annual general meeting.

Which brings us back to the best room at the MOSS SIDE HOTEL.

The end

It was all because of a bet. TREFFLYN bought £3 - £4 worth of instant lottery cards and said he would reveal his rump to all and sundry if he won.

Which he did.

So he did.

And ERIC the landlord banned him.

Unwittingly causing a rift between boss and workers that eventually ended up in an industrial tribunal and cost TREFFLYN his company.

At first TREFFLYN seemed happy to watch his workers boozing of an evening from his office which over looked the taproom window. But then as TREFFLYN began to involve himself more in the operations of his company which had run irritatingly well without him - relationships began to sour. His workforce got the distinct impression that he, TREFFLYN, thought that they, TREFFLYN's workers, were meeting in the pub in order to secretly conspire against him. ▷

Memos began to appear. Memos on every conceivable subject, great or small. So many memos in fact that his workers competed to see who would get the most memos in a week. Everyone's work was critisised. Sometimes for contradictory reasons.

Service engineer TONY WILLIAMS recalls getting a memo complaining about late arrivals, and another one complaining about being at work too early.

The situation at CATERFIX began to get hilariously reminiscent of the last days of PRESIDENT RICHARD NIXON.

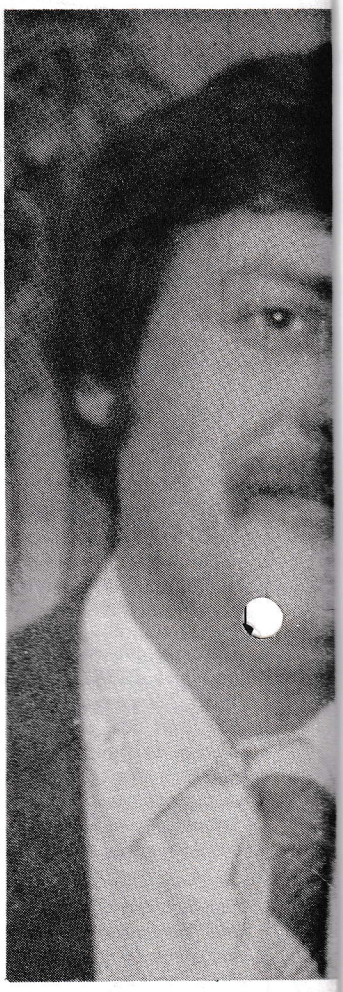
They say that TREFFLYN started taping phone conversations, had a tape recorder installed in his office so that nothing his conspiratorial workers said would be lost to posterity.

All the service engineers were issued with G.P.O. bleepers so that TREFFLYN could get in touch with them wherever they were.

Then some of the service engineers got the distinct impression that they were being tailed. They would glance in their rear view mirrors to see a following car occupied by a man - not always the same man - talking earnestly into a C.B. radio set. On one memorable occasion service engineer TONY WILLIAMS noticed his tail and deliberately lost him. Soon after, he was bleeped by an irate TREFFLYN demanding to know *exactly* where he was. Shortly after giving his boss this information, TONY noticed that his tail had found him again .

TREFFLYN now appeared to be getting rather eccentric.

He, GED GREENHALGH, and ▷



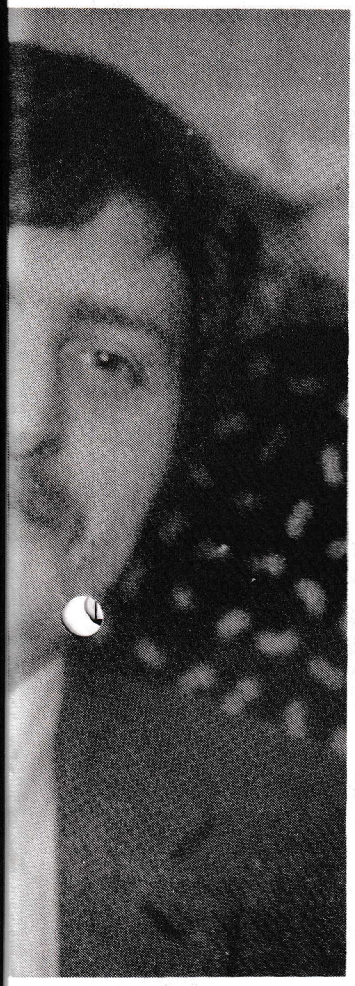
GED GREENHALGH, FORMER

MR BORGERUBY of the DANISH FOOD CENTRE in MANCHESTER went on a business lunch to THE GREAT AMERICAN DISASTER, also in MANCHESTER. TREFFLYN told the manager

'The curious trouble began when he sh of the Moss Side

of THE DISASTER that he wanted free meals because the restaurant owed him money. There followed a fracas in the kitchen. The poor DISASTER manager called the police and TREFFLYN was seen to leave the restaurant in something of a rush, leaving GREENHALGH and the astounded MR BORGERUBY to foot the bill.

Then there was the time the VAT man came and TREFFLYN was discovered climbing out of the window. ▷



MANAGER OF CATERFIX

More disturbingly, it appeared that TREFFLYN was running the company down. Under GREENHALGH the work force had expanded from a handful to twenty.

...s of company director Trefflyn Jones owed his bum in the best room Hotel, Ashton...'

Major contracts had been secured to service all the catering equipment in local GREENALL WHITLEY hotels, the tea urns in every BRITISH RAIL station in the NORTH WEST, and negotiations were well under way for CATERFIX to do the guarantee servicing on every cooker sold by NORWEB.

But because TREFFLYN had recently made ten redundancies the company was finding it difficult to meet existing contracts. ▷

It began to seem to workers that he wanted rid of everyone he suspected of conspiring against him. In MAY 81 he asked GREENHALGH to do a detailed check on the work of TONY WILLIAMS, and in anticipation, called a works meeting at which the manager was expected to criticise the young service engineer. But GREENHALGH confined himself to general criticisms of the workforce as a whole not wishing to isolate WILLIAMS, whom he considered to be the best engineer in the works. TREFFLYN was furious, the next day another engineer, STEVE LUCAS was sacked, and GREENHALGH reckoned that he would be the next to go.

He was party to TREFFLYN's management techniques, and knew that the Welshman's bible was a handy little book called 'Employment and Dismissal without Fear' by DENNIS D.HUNT, a manual which sets out how to get rid of employees without a fuss.

Memo

So he got in touch with his own solicitor who advised him to reply in writing to every single memo TREFFLYN sent him (there were reams of them) and keep a copy of them all himself.

TREFFLYN then prevented the secretary, shared between himself and GREENHALGH, from doing any typing for GREENHALGH.

By the autumn of 81 more workers had gone down the road and it was clear that the company was going broke. GREENHALGH got the distinct impression that TREFFLYN was sacking workers to save redundancy money.

Dick

Then TREFFLYN's secretary began receiving curious phone calls from a man ▷ demanding money from TREFFLYN for work done 'with regard to MR GREENHALGH'. After several abortive attempts to claim his cash in this way, the impatient caller revealed himself to be a private investigator hired by TREFFLYN JONES to tail GREENHALGH.

Eventually TREFFLYN sacked GREENHALGH, WILLIAMS and several other engineers for 'incompetence'.

XXX

Soon afterwards the secretary gave a month's notice. TREFFLYN was furious and wouldn't let her do her normal work during the notice period. She refused to do someone else's so TREFFLYN ordered her to spend her time typing XX's on a blank sheet of paper. This she did for half an hour and then read a magazine. TREFFLYN ordered her off the building.

He refused to give her a reference, but this was not surprising. TREFFLYN JONES hasn't given a reference to anyone in five years, and the company has had a high turnover.

Of the workers TREFFLYN sacked, only TONY WILLIAMS and GED GREENHALGH had been there long enough to go to an industrial tribunal.

Both did.

Their cases came to court in mid March of this year. At the last minute TREFFLYN JONES settled out of court with GREENHALGH, paying him £1,800 . But WILLIAMS' case went to the tribunal. He was defended by his union official. TREFFLYN hired one of MANCHESTER's top tribunal solicitors whose court fees would have cost at least £500 a day.

Pals

TREFFLYN produced all the complaining memos he had sent to WILLIAMS, claiming the young engineer had never replied to any. WILLIAMS claimed he had replied, but unlike GREENHALGH, had not kept copies. His union rep claimed in ▷ his summing up that WILLIAMS had been sacked to avoid redundancy payment because the firm was winding down. The tribunal chairman ruled this out of order, and instructed his two colleagues not to take into consideration the fact that CATERFIX had gone into voluntary liquidation the day before.

WILLIAMS lost his case, convinced that the tribunal was biased. There is no evidence to support this, but the sight of TREFFLYN JONES, TREFFLYN's defence solicitor, and one of the three tribunal members walking off together after the trial, did nothing to shake his conviction.

TONY WILLIAMS is still out of work.
GED GREENHALGH has set up his own company. □

Trefflyn speaks

THERE ARE TWO SIDES TO EVERY STORY.
SO WE RANG TREFFLYN JONES AT HIS FLAT ABOVE CATERFIX TO PUT A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS TO HIM.

HE WAS STRIKINGLY FRANK ..

EYE:Had he left GED GREENHALGH in charge of CATERFIX whilst he played at C.B.?

JONES:*No. Ask GREENHALGH who signed the cheques. And did we know that GREENHALGH was known as RED GED at NORWEB? Did he tell you he'd set up his own catering firm before he was sacked from CATERFIX?*

*EYE:*Had he sacked workers because he thought they were conspiring against him, and to avoid the cost of redundancy money?

JONES :*No. They were incompetent , as the Tribunal decision shows. He was simply a small business man who had got rid of disloyal staff.*

EYE: Had his tribunal costs contributed to the liquidation of his firm?

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Memos began to appear. Memos on every conceivable subject, great or small. So many memos in fact that his workers competed to see who would get the most memos in a week. Everyone's work was critisised. Sometimes for contradictory reasons.

Service engineer TONY WILLIAMS recalls getting a memo complaining about late arrivals, and another one complaining about being at work too early.

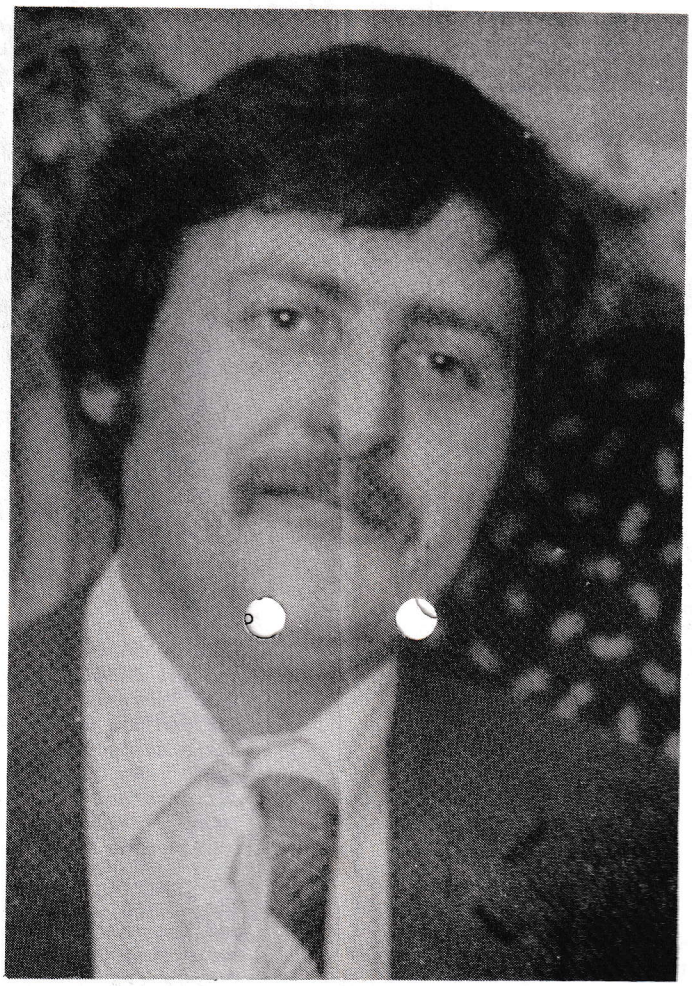
The situation at CATERFIX began to get hilariously reminiscent of the last days of PRESIDENT RICHARD NIXON.
They say that TREFFLYN started taping phone conversations, had a tape recorder installed in his office so that nothing his conspiratorial workers said would be lost to posterity.

All the service engineers were issued with G.P.O. bleepers so that TREFFLYN could get in touch with them wherever they were.

Then some of the service engineers got the distinct impression that they were being tailed. They would glance in their rear view mirrors to see a following car occupied by a man - not always the same man - talking earnestly into a C.B. radio set. On one memorable occasion service engineer TONY WILLIAMS noticed his tail and deliberately lost him. Soon after, he was bleeped by an irate TREFFLYN demanding to know *exactly* where he was. Shortly after giving his boss this information, TONY noticed that his tail had found him again .

TREFFLYN now appeared to be getting rather eccentric.

He, GED GREENHALGH, and ▷



GED GREENHALGH, FORMER MANAGER OF CATERFIX

MR BORGERUBY of the DANISH FOOD CENTRE in MANCHESTER went on a business lunch to THE GREAT AMERICAN DISASTER, also in MANCHESTER. TREFFLYN told the manager

More disturbingly, it appeared that TREFFLYN was running the company down. Under GREENHALGH the work force had expanded from a handful to twenty.

'The curious troubles of company director Trefflyn J began when he showed his bum in the best room of the Moss Side Hotel, Ashton...'

of THE DISASTER that he wanted free meals because the restaurant owed him money. There followed a fracas in the kitchen. The poor DISASTER manager called the police and TREFFLYN was seen to leave the restaurant in something of a rush, leaving GREENHALGH and the astounded MR BORGERUBY to foot the bill.

Then there was the time the VAT man came and TREFFLYN was discovered climbing out of the window. ▷

Major contracts had been secured to service all the catering equipment in local GREENALL WHITLEY hotels, the tea urns in every BRITISH RAIL station in the NORTH WEST, and negotiations were well under way for CATERFIX to do the guarantee servicing on every cooker sold by NORWEB.

But because TREFFLYN had recently made ten redundancies the company was finding it difficult to meet existing contracts. ▷

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He was party to TREF management technique knew that the Welshm bible was a handy li book called 'Employm and Dismissal withou Fear' by DENNIS D.HU manual which sets ou to get rid of employ without a fuss.

Memo

So he got in touch w own solicitor who ad him to reply in writ to every single memo TREFFLYN sent him (t were reams of them) keep a copy of them himself.

TREFFLYN then prever

the secretary, shared ween himself and GREE HALGH, from doing any typing for GREENHALGH

By the autumn of 81 m workers had gone down road and it was clear the company was going broke. GREENHALGH got distinct impression t TREFFLYN was sacking ers to save redundanc ey.

Dick

Then TREFFLYN's secre began receiving curio phone calls from a ma

JAMES NORTH

The GLOVES COME OFF

GEORGE GEE, Production Director of a HYDE glove and safety-wear manufacturer, uses the combination of low basic pay and many hours overtime to keep his shift-workers in line. One-hour protest stoppages, unreported in the Press, were one result.

In November, JAMES NORTH & SONS LTD. make their annual pay "award" - the result of talks in LONDON between employers and unions. In 1980 they paid 9 % under protest, and to prove their point NORTH's made 30 redundant in early 1981. By November 1981 GEORGE GEE, their HYDE Production Director, was calling union representatives together to give them the annual "Hong Kong lecture", blaming overseas competitors for every problem possible. The GLOVE FEDERATION, of which the JAMES NORTH group is the largest member, suggested no rise. NORTH's offered 4 %. Resentment at the offer was so strong that a one-hour stoppage in protest took place in January this year. GEORGE GEE promptly stopped all overtime.

The action was then stepped up, with each of the three shifts stopping one hour before the end of the run. GEORGE GEE, frantic at the lost production, went round trying to play one shift off against another. A week later the union involved, NUFLAT (National Union of Footwear Leatherworkers and Allied Trades) returned to normal working - and GEE immediately re-instated the overtime. The Works Manager, PETER WAGSTAFF, last year's HYDE ROUND TABLE chairman, summed it all up by freely admitting it was cheaper to have large amounts of overtime than to take on extra staff.
And so the dispute continues.

The basic wage for making JAMES NORTH's PVC-coated gloves was £61.07 for a 40-hour week; with shift-allowance and full bonus this rises to £87.17. November's 4 % took this to £90.68. Even with a 55-hour week, which includes Saturday and Sunday working you can't get above £125, before deductions - well below national average earnings. As a result, many are drawing F.I.S. and rent /rate rebates, a neat way for NORTH's to get a government hand-out.

About North's

Director Dr E. Powell once described the CHAIRMAN, EDWIN BARRIE STEPHENS as a "megalomaniac". Whatever POWELL's opinion, BARRIE is nonetheless chairman of SIEBE-GORMAN HOLDINGS LTD., as well as a host of other subsidiaries and firms, with JAMES NORTH's 100 % owned by SIEBE. BARRIE is joined on the SIEBE board by Lieutenant-Commander SIR JOHN LANGFORD-HOLT, MP for SHREWSBURY since 1945. Educated at the elite SHREWSBURY PUBLIC SCHOOL, LANGFORD-HOLT no doubt cavorts with TED HEATH from time to time at his club, YACHT SQUADRON in COWES.

The latest accounts for JAMES NORTH available to EYE show that in 1980 they made a £2 million profit, whilst exports increased by 34 % to £2½ million. Except for £20,000 kept in reserve, the whole of the profit was creamed off in dividends to shareholders. The directors got £69,000 between them, a 12½ % rise on 1979.

Interesting to note that NORTH's are busy hedging their bets. They own 90 % of EAST ASIA PROTECTIVE PRODUCTS LTD. and import an increasing number of Hong Kong glove-linings and leather gloves. Then, just like TOOTAL's (see EYE 30) they blame foreign competition. □

Courtaulds

Over 100 go

"EVERYBODY'S COMPLETELY DISGUSTED". This was the reaction of one worker at COURTAULD's VICTOR MILL, who first heard he had been given ninety days' redundancy notice *on the T.V.* This is despite production of 40 tons of spun yarn a week, 5 tons above management's target for survival. □

Caprina Tootal

Congratulations to CAPRINA TOOTAL, of CARR - BROOK on their British Safety Council Award. But surely there must be a much better safety record at TOOTALs HUMPHREY LLOYD factory, which, because of TOOTALs massive investment abroad has had no accidents at all since it was closed down with 75 redundancies early this year. □

European Contract Cleaners

The Directors of EUROPEAN CONTRACT CLEANERS LTD (see EYE 30 and 31) are as mean about meeting the requirements of Company Law as they are about paying proper wages to the women cleaners they employ at I.C.I. in HYDE.

The two EUROPEAN Directors CECIL PETER DEARDEN and his wife LAVINIA GEORGINA DEARDEN don't appear to have filed any accounts with COMPANY HOUSE in LONDON since 1977. *Which is naughty of them.* □

Rostering

BRITISH RAIL are still pushing for "flexible rosters" at GUIDE BRIDGE. But NUR guards have rejected them.
Ten years ago GUIDE BRIDGE had 140 guards, now there are 72. The rosters would mean further job losses, and ruined personal lives for those who stayed on.
Meanwhile, a little-publicised 'consultation' paper, put out by Greater Manchester Council last Nov. claims that without more Govt. cash, two-thirds of the local rail network would have to go -leaving stations such as NEWTON, HATTERSLEY and HADFIELD closed.
But it seems there's at least two years before an axe can fall: the 1982 Timetable is already printed and by law there has to be 12 months notice of closure. □

HIRE SERVICE SHOPS

NEVILLE CLIFFORD-JONES, Chairman of the S G B GROUP LTD, one of whose HIRE SERVICE SHOPS is in the centre of ASHTON, gave himself a 19% pay rise last year- which took him up to £875 per week.
Meanwhile the average pay of the firms 6,000 U.K. workers was a more modest £109 per week.
NEVILLE's 75,000 shares in S G B raked in a further £4,200 in dividends.

Last year the S G B GROUP put £2,500 in the Conservative Party coffers. □

Offenders this month include old faithful WHITELANDS MILL ASHTON whose dusty emissions have been compared by Ashton COUNCILLOR WILKINSON to the plagues visited upon the Egyptians (viz.locusts, frogs, boils etc).
MOSSLEY scrap dealers MULLANEYS whose pile of rotting junk forms such a tasteful backdrop to Hartshead Pike, have been served with a legal notice for continuing pollution of the environment.
SENIOR SERVICE of Hyde have fitted a silencer to a noisy fan which has been disturbing locals. This joins their giant chimney deodorant in an effort to reduce nuisance to Hyde residents. □

House Sales

NEWTON Cllr. PETER BAILEY may already be regretting the day he took on the post of CHAIRMAN OF HOUSING. His principles make him against council house sales. But now he's been forced to give in. Four extra staff in the LEGAL DEPT and a clerk typist have been taken on for six months *to speed up TAMESIDE's sales.* The typing pool have been ordered to work on House Sales to the exclusion of all else.
Still, the move should help prevent embarrassing questions in the run-up to the May elections.□

Unfare Jack

Just who is ASHTON Councillor JACK PETTIT trying to kid?
At the Rates-fixing council PLANNING CHAIRMAN JACK handed bored reporters a six-page report and looked very pleased with himself. This report gloated about the recent High Court ruling in favour of neighbouring MERSEYSIDE's *cheap* bus fares policy.
Strange, because JACK has just given his full backing to a 15% fares rise on MANCHESTER buses, on our behalf. At the time he claimed there was *"no choice"*, after *"receiving legal advice"*. GMT, with some of the highest fares in the country was described as "business like" by HYDE TORY, CLLR. ERIC 'Cowbells' CLARK.
Lousy advice JACK gets.□

Mediocre

COLIN GRANTHAM, GEE CROSS Councillor and current Tory Leader, hasn't been seen at many council meetings recently. He finally re-surfaced at March's rates fixing ▷ council and gave a very half-hearted performance. He demanded a lower rate rise, but when asked, couldn't say exactly where he'd cut spending - other than by sacking council workers.
Councillor JOHN BELL dropped any attempt at serious debate and resorted to emotion: "Have you no compassion....?" he pleaded. And was greeted with hoots of laughter all round. Poor JOHN then moved on to demanding a *"mediocre* rates increase" *Huh?*

Education Cuts

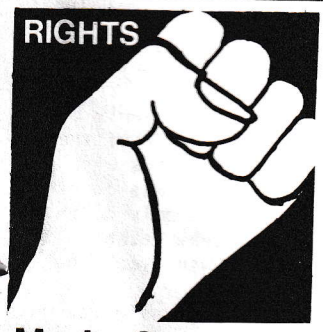
CLLR. ROY ABBEY doesn't have much time for TAMESIDE's teachers. In addition to describing them as 'well-paid', he wants to add to their workload. At a recent Education Committee meeting he proposed sacking all welfare assistants in Tameside's schools. Since the main responsibility of Welfare Assistants is the supervision of children during the lunchbreak, this would ▷ mean, in effect, no lunch-break for teachers.
Nice one ROY.

Insulting

DROYLSDEN Councillor RON FOSTER made himself unpopular at a recent meeting with DUKINFIELD parents protesting at the planned merger of RAVENSFIELD and ASTLEY HIGH schools. It wasn't so much what RON said as the *way* he said it, 'Condescending and insulting' said one EYE reader.
Tempers got so frayed that RON left half-way through the meeting and was clapped out by the triumphant parents.□

Interest

The Town Hall's Finance section told POLICY and RESOURCES COMMITTEE members that the average rate of interest on the COUNCIL's borrowings will be 14.25% in 1982/3.
Someone's making a killing somewhere.□



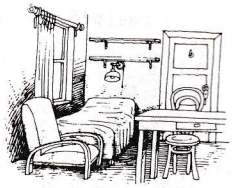
Moving? On Supplementary Benefit?

Get help with Removals and Furniture !

Removals

If you're on Supplementary Benefit and need to move because your home is "insanitary", "structurally deficient", unsuitable due to size or structure, or too far away from close relatives, you should get a grant to pay for your removals.
You'll also get a grant if you need to move because you've separated or divorced, or if your partner has died, or to improve your job prospects.

Furniture



Anyone who hasn't got a cooker, heating appliances or bedding can and should claim for these items.
For other furniture, you can get a grant if you qualify under the 'removals' provision above, or if you're a pensioner, or have a child under 15, or you're pregnant, chronically sick or mentally or physically disabled.
Also, if you've just come out of prison, a resettlement unit, a hostel, or care, or you've been on Benefit over six months and have no immediate prospect of finding work (!), you can get a furniture grant, if there is 'no suitable alternative furnished accomodation in the area.'

What to claim for

Apart from the cooker, heater and bedding, you can claim for beds, mattresses, dining and easy chairs, a dining table, clothes cupboards, food cupboards, fire-guards (if necessary), floor covering (but they'll only give you a grant for lino not carpets), curtains (including hooks, tracks and lining), an iron and occasionally other items (such as a vacuum cleaner if someone in the family is allergic to house dust).

Other Equipment

You can also claim for towels, a hot water bottle if you're ill or a pensioner, a hot water tank jacket, cleaning implements, cooking equipment, cutlery and crockery. Also you can even get a garden fork or spade or shears if you have a garden!
REMEMBER..THIS LIST IS NOT EXHAUSTIVE.
DON't FORGET
i) If in doubt claim
ii) If you get turned down, appeal.
iii) If you have queries, seek advice!□

On Yer Bike!

NORMAN TEBBIT M.P., Tory Employment Minister, has introduced controversial proposals to restrict your rights at work and your trade union activities. If you want an informed speaker on the Employment Bill for your union branch, shop stewards group, or any other meeting, write to TAMESIDE EYE and we will pass the request on. Put 'EMPLOYMENT BILL' on the envelope.□

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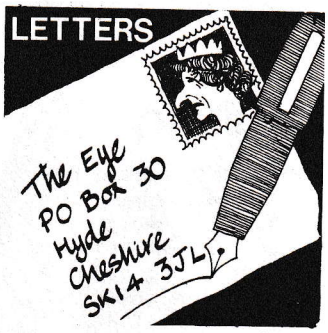

Corrections Please!

EYE is honoured to have received the following letter from MOSSLEY's greatest living dramatist, ROBIN THORNBER.

DEAR EYE,

Thanks for mentioning my play, 'Time Gentlemen Please! ' at the Oldham Coliseum. But I'm afraid you were misinformed.
I'm not a trustee of the theatre.
I was asked to join the board a few years ago, but I could never get to the meetings so I resigned.
Since then a completely new trust and administration have taken over.
I have reviewed some of the Coliseum's productions quite favourably -because they've been good. I've also knocked some. And since I submitted the script, the Guardian has sent other reviewers to Oldham, at my request.
Come and see the show- and then say whether there was anything bent about the theatre's decision to stage it.
Yours,
ROBIN THORNBER.

Well ROBIN, we enjoyed the play; it was funny, very funny in places, the main characters were well written and well acted. We particularly enjoyed the landlord and landlady played by RUSSELL DIXON and JUDITH BARKER. CLIFF HOWELLS playing BILLY GUINESS did a splendid caricature of the 'village idiot' type. Not so strong were the characters of KEVIN, the rep., and MUSTAPHA the cellarman. We thought these two were superfluous, as indeed was the plot, in which SIR GERALD KENNEDY the wicked brewery chairman with his poovy designer wants to destroy the character of the 'George and Dragon.'
We would have been happier to see an open-ended play, deriving a story - line from the everyday life of a pub. □

Hartle's Trust

DEAR EYE,
You asked your readers views on the judgement made by DEREK HARTLE J.P. on the divorced woman who stole from one of his friends. Whilst one can accept that wholesale 'Borrowing' of money must be frowned on we feel that any justice which must be applied should not be dispensed by someone who has legally borrowed large sums of money from the National Enterprise Board.
If the unfortunate lady 'Betrayed a position of trust' in MR. HARTLE's words, did not MR. HARTLE himself 'betray' his own creditors when his own firm went bust, leaving him to carry on his affluent life much as before ?

MYSTERY MOLES FROM THE HARE AND HOUNDS
HOLLINGWORTH

EYE REPLY: SORRY LADS, BUT WE HAD TO CUT LARGE PARTS OF YOUR LETTER ON LEGAL GROUNDS AND AS A RESULT HAD TO RE-WRITE BITS SO IT STILL MADE SENSE. WE'LL BE RUNNING SOME OF THE CENSORED MATERIAL AS STORIES WHEN WE'VE CHECKED THE FACTS! INCIDENTALLY, ARE YOU SURE THAT IT WAS THE HERBERTS LTD. OWNED BY MR. HARTLE THAT WAS FINANCED BY THE N.E.B. AND NOT THE ENTIRELY DIFFERENT HERBERTS WHICH WENT BUST AT JUST ABOUT THE SAME TIME AS MR. HARTLE's FIRM ? □

Rent Justice

DEAR EYE,
With typical cowardice, the State has once again disregarded the realities of the recession.
With over 12,000 tenants in rent arrears in Manchester and special courts being set up to persecute them shows that the state believes in "there's no mercy like no mercy". Here in TAMESIDE there is an estimated £550,000 in arrears. With unemployment increasing daily Central Govt's answer is to raise the rents. This act is nothing but criminal. When you look at this Govt's avowed policy of private ownership of council houses - well you can reach your own conclusions to why the rents keep going up and why poorer council tenants are hounded out of their homes.

With a 'rump'Labour Party opposition the excesses made by Central Govt. will continue until the next election - then we'll all be saved from the bogey-persons.
Meanwhile, the State is free to pursue its attacks on living standards whilst those who call for more sacrifices live on their double standards.

In a civilised society it would be the tenants who would control and fix the rents according to need and ability to pay -not the policies of 'sink or swim' now being so viciously applied by the State.
Organised resistance is strength.
MIKE SMITH
Tameside D.A.M.
c/o 164/66 Corn Exchange Buildings, Manchester.
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND FREEDOM THROUGH ANARCHY AND SYNDICALISM !

EYE REPLY: GOSH ! □

Grassroots

DEAR EYE,

One-time MANCHESTER left-wing bookshop GRASS ROOTS new-style management seems to be in trouble both with its customers and with its shop workers union ASTMS.
On items marked at a reduction for unwaged, unemployed clients are told euphemistically to pay the full price or take their trade elsewhere.
Despite popular demand for the xmas cards dubbed by the Sun newspaper 'most tasteless card of 1981', GRASSROOTS refused to order any. They were by notorious anti-monarchist EVANS of SOCIALIST WORKER.
By the time this reaches you, there may have been a St.Valentines massacre by management. Unless ASTMS steps in to save the threatened workers.
Regretfully,
RUPERT.
(name and address supplied)

We asked GRASS ROOTS for their reply:

We are in the union ACTSS not ASTMS Rupert. As we are a co-operative, we're not sure what management you're referring to.
The lower price for un - employed people, on papers such as Socialist Worker, is not available because they are distributed commercially. The commercial distributor doesn't allow for lower-paid sales and this causes confusion!
The Xmas cards weren't refused, they never arrived!
If you or any other customer wants us to order anything, all you've got to do is ask. □

Not Drinking Enough

DEAR EYE,

I was drinking at the PACK HORSE in MOTTRAM recently when my friend and I were suddenly graced by the presence of the snooty landlords wife MRS. MASSEY. She was concerned that we had only bought three drinks (each)!
"I don't want you" she shrieked.
The feeling was quite mutual. It seems as though one has to go to the lengths of alcoholism before one has the honoured opportunity to help her husband, MR. ROGER MASSEY maintain his paunch. We don't all want one ROGER!
From a disgruntled loiterer.
(name and address supplied)

We'd be happy to receive the MASSEY's reply to this letter in time for our next issue !□

BUBBLES!

from M.K. GEORGE of I4 STALEYHALL I4 STALEYHALL Rd. STALYBRIDGE.

BUBBLES: ISSUE 32

This issue: sexy HAUGHTON GREEN councillor RAY SLAMON being sexually assaulted by a group of scantily clad NALGO members! What do you think they're saying? Winner gets a years free sub to EYE.

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from page 7.

JONES: *No. He HAD engaged the best lawyer available, and it HAD cost about £500 a day in court fees. But he couldn't talk about the reason for the liquidation over the phone. Suffice it to say that BOOTH STREET were involved* (BOOTH STREET is the local tax office - ED.) *They wanted everything at once so I had to close .*

EYE: Had he got his C.B. radio friends to follow workers ?

JONES: *No. But he had engaged a private eye to follow GED GREENHALGH, and the report showed that GREENHALGH had gone home during working hours ,and had been slow on his work round .*

EYE: Why then had he settled out of court with GREENHALGH.

JONES: *Money.*

EYE: What about his C.B. activities?

JONES: *He hadn't 'set up' GOOD BUDDIES, and he hadn't been selling T-shirts for charity, he had simply been selling them . He hadn't made any money out of it, he hadn't left under a cloud, and he was still involved in the '99' club . Why didn't we ring them and ask?*

EYE: Had he tried to escape from the vatman through a window?

JONES: *No.*

EYE: What about the celebrated exposure of his botty?

JONES: *Yes, he had done that. For charity. It had nothing to do with the subsequent ructions at CATERFIX.*

EYE: Wasn't the firm's order book full at the time of the sackings?

JONES: *There was no order book. The NORWEB order fell through .*

EYE: Did Mr. JONES have any final comments?

JONES: *Yes. GREENHALGH's story was childish bullshit .He, JONES, was just a small businessman trying to make a living. He didn't blame EYE for printing it, we were simply doing our job , which was sensationalising things. GREENHALGH had an axe to grind. He'd be showing our article to his solicitor when it came out .*

EYE: What was he doing now?

JONES: *Nothing, I'm unemployed.* □

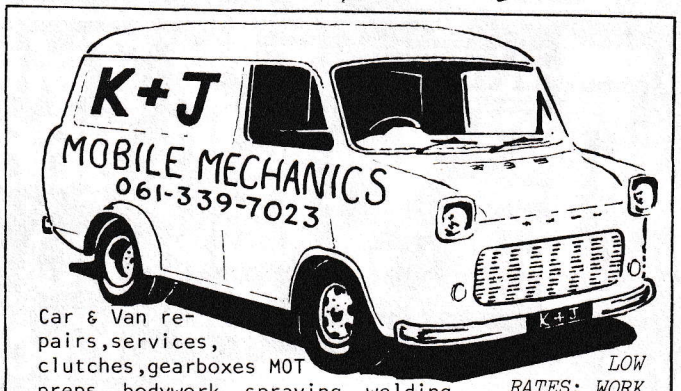
Hallo Readers!

Despite all the fine work done by my dear friends MARY WHITEHOUSE, JAMES ANDERTON and - nearer home - MRS. DOREEN FONDUE-SET J.P. of the GEE CROSS CONSERVATIVE LADIES STRENGTH THROUGH JOY CLUB - moral standards in TAMESIDE continue to decline.

I refer of course to the disgusting activities of the BODYWISE HEALTH CLUB of STALYBRIDGE whose membership has rocketed following an article in that salacious organ THE REPORTER claiming that 'regular exercise improves your sex life! It seems that sex-starved STALYBRIDGE matrons have been flocking to the HOLY TRINITY CHURCH where BODYWISE carries on its lewd business hell-bent on developing their organs of lust.

In my opinion - and DOREEN agrees- the editor of THE REPORTER ought to be ritually castrated for encouraging such depravity, and the vicar of HOLY TRINITY unfrocked (if the shameless ladies of BODYWISE haven't already done so).

Wretch



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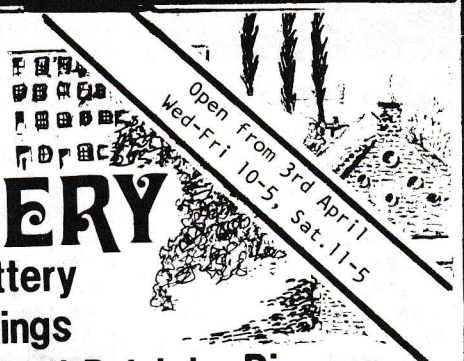

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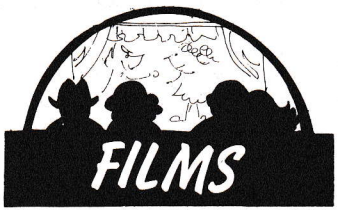

METRO CINEMA
Old St. Ashton U Lune
330 1993
March 28th and week
"LAST MOMENTS, LAST FEELINGS" (A)
April 4th for 2 weeks
The new Disney kids Spectacular
"DRAGONSLAYER" (A)
April 18th and week
"FORT APACHE, THE BRONX" (AA)
Sunday April 25th for one day only
"PINK FLOYD IN POMPEII" and "BORN TO BOOGIE"

PALACE CINEMA
Market St. Stalybridge
338 2156
March 28th and week
"BODY HEAT" (X)
April 4th and week
"ALLIGATOR" (A)
April 11th and week
"THE ARISTOCATS" (U)
plus "THE SPACEMAN AND KING ARTHUR" (U)

ROYAL CINEMA
Corporation St.Hyde
368 2206
ROYAL ONE
March 28 and week
"LAST MOMENTS,LAST FEELINGS" (A)
April 4th for 2 weeks
A new Disney smash
"DRAGONSLAYER" (A)
April 18th and week
"FORT APACHE,THE BRONX" (AA)
ROYAL TWO
March 28th and week
"BODY HEAT" (X)
Sunday April4th one day only
"FUN HOUSE" (X)
"MY BLOODY VALENTINE" (X)
Mon 5th April for 5 days
"THE ARISTOCATS" (U) plus "THE SPACEMAN AND KING ARTHUR" (U)
Sun 11th april and week
"ALLIGATOR" (A) plus "DIXIE DYNAMITE"
Sun 18th April and week
"GHOST STORY" (X)

AABEN CINEMA
Jackson Cres.Hulme,M/c
226 3242
March 28th week
1. "BHUMIKA"(The Role) (A)
2. "RASHOMON" (X)
3. "THRONE OF BLOOD"(X)
4. "CHRISTIANE F" (X)
April 4th week
1."WOMAN NEXT DOOR (AA)
2."WONDERFUL MOVIE CRANKS" (X)
3."LES ENFANTS DU PARADIS (A)
4."HIGH ANXIETY" (A)
April 11th week
1."CITIZENS BAND"
2."BLOOD BROTHER" (X)
3."WOMAN NEXT DOOR"
4. Sun-Wed "ZARDOZ (X)
Thu-Sat "CASABLANCA"(A)
April 18th week
1."LA CAGE AUX FOLLES 2" (AA)
2."WOYZECK" (AA)
3."TRAGEDY OF A RIDICULOUS MAN"
4."TIN DRUM"

FILM SOCIETIES
MILLGATE CENTRE
Delph,Nr.Oldham
Saddleworth Film Soc. present, on Mon 5th Apr. "BIRDS OF A FEATHER" Outrageously funny gay film directed by EDUARDO MOLINARO French dialogue subtitles and on 19th Apr. "LA LUNA" dir.BERTOLUCCI All performances begin 7.30 prompt. For membership details contact Sue Haslam, Saddleworth 70680

BROADBOTTOM FILM CLUB
Broadbottom Comm.Cen.
Lois Miles, Mottram 63701
April 11th
"BABYLON" starring Brinsley Ford, Karl Howman Trevor Laird, and Brian Bovell.
Director FRANCO ROSSO
Membership £6 - all included.

DOG & PARTRIDGE
Brook St. Ashton
MIKE ROOKE Saddleworth 5841.
Friday March 26th 8.30pm
STAND AND DELIVER present JENNY, new wave poet, ex-of Cathy la Creme and the Rum Babas + usual galaxy of talent. 30p.

TAMESIDE THEATRE
Oldham Rd. Ashton. 308 3223
Till 27th March 7.30pm
Malcolm Knight presents a 'scintillating' nude romp. COME INTO MY BED by Drew Martin. Strictly for adults only. All seats £2. (2 for the price of one on Tues)
Tuesday April 13th for 5 days. 7.30pm
A musical family show "GULLIVERS TRAVELS"
£2 (children and OAP £1)
Two seats for the price of one on Tues)

GUIDE BRIDGE THEATRE
Audenshaw Rd. Audenshaw
330 8078
April 24th - 30th (Not Mon)
7.45 p.m.
Henrik Ibsen's "DOLLS HOUSE" directed by Carla Stokes
Tickets £1.10

ROYAL EXCHANGE THEATRE
St. Annes Sq.Manchester
833 9333 Until April 10th
James Maxwell,Robert Linday and Espen Skjonberg in "PHILOCTETES" by Sophocles
Directed by Michael Elliot
Translated by Christopher Stace.

COLISEUM THEATRE, Fairbottom St. Oldham
624 2829
20th March til 17th April
7.30 prompt
Coliseum theatre Co. presents "TOMMY"
A rock opera by Pete Townsend and the Who
April 24th to May 22nd
7.30 prompt
THE PARTY'S OVER by Alan Bleasdale
*This play may be considered unsuitable for children.
£3, £2.50, £2 (exc.Sats £3.25, £2.75. £2.25)

THE BRICKHOUSE
Devas St. Oxford Rd.M/cr
Jeremy Shine 224 0020
Thur-Sat April 1 - 3
8 p.m.
Forkbeard Fantasy in "COLD FRAME"
£1.50 (Stu/Unemployed £1.25) Advance £1.25

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The Globe Hotel
High St. Glossop
Thursdays at 8.30
FURTHER DETAILS - WILL WILLIAMS, GLOSSOP 3563

BIRCH COMMUNITY CENTRE
Brighton Gr.Didsbury
Jeremy Shine 224 0020
Sat March 27. 8p.m.
Frankie Armstrong,
Nigel Gray, Leon Rosselson,
David Craig in "AN EVENING OF BRECHT" Songs, poetry, prose. £1.50
(Stu/unemployed £1.25)
Advance £1.25

TAMESIDE THEATRE
Oldham Rd. Ashton
308 3223
Monday 5th April 7.30pm
MIKE HARDING
£4.50, £3.50 and £3

Light

TAMESIDE THEATRE
Oldham Rd. Ashton
308 3223
Sunday 11th April 7.30
CILLA BLACK
£3.50. £2.75, £2
kids/OAP £2, £1.50, £1

Sat 24th April 7.30pm
THE TEMPERANCE SEVEN
For details of cost contact the theatre.

Folk

THE GLOBE HOTEL, HIGH ST. GLOSSOP.
Thursdays at 8.30pm
April listings;
1st Pat Ryan 75p/£1.
8th Geoff Higginbottom 75p/£1.
15th Curates Egg £1./£1.25
22nd ALLAN TAYLOR £1.50/£2

WITHINGTON ADULT EDUC. CENTRE, Mauldeth Rd.M/c
Tel. Bill Ward 861 9205
Sat 27th Mar. 10am-4pm
The Peace Movement. 2nd in a series of six day schools.
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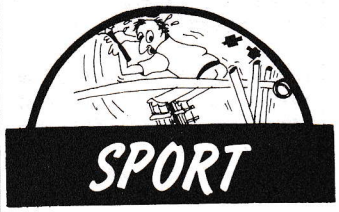
£2 per day (50p unwaged)
Creche, refreshments.

USE YOUR LOCAL RADIO
Greater Manchester Radio Action has been formed to help community groups get their news onto local radio contact Isla Robinson (Liason officer) on 273 7451 ext.11.

IMPACT, the Greater Manchester clean-up campaign is now operating from new headquarters.
The new address is
Trafford Public Hall,
Talbot Rd.,
Old Trafford,
Manchester
872 5583
Anyone wishing to help clearing up eyesores and with potential sites in mind should contact the Impact field worker for their area.
All can be reached on the above tel.no.



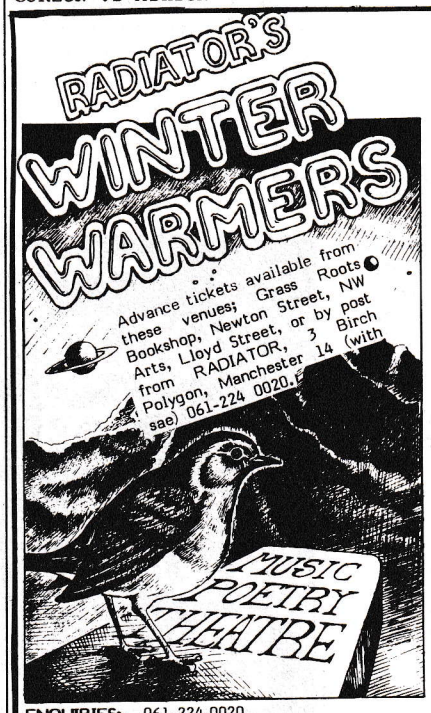
LOCAL FOOTBALL FIXTURES
Sat 27th MARCH

HYDE vs Rossendale
ASHTON vs Nantwich
Accrington vs DROYLSDEN
Darwen vs STALYBRIDGE
MOSSLEY vs Macclesfield
CURZON vs Winsford
GLOSSOP vs Prescot
Sat 3rd April
Nantwich vs HYDE
Bootle vs ASHTON
Accrington vs STALYBRIDGE
Marine vs MOSSLEY
Rossendale vs GLOSSOP
Fri. 9th APRIL
STALYBRIDGE vs HYDE
CURZON vs ASHTON
GLOSSOP vs DROYLSDEN
Sat 10th PAIRL
MOSSLEY vs Kings Lynn
Mon. 12th APRIL
HYDE vs GLOSSOP
ASHTON vs STALYBRIDGE
DROYLSDEN vs CURZON
Morecambe vs MOSSLEY

Dukinfield Library Exh. rooms. April 3 - May 8th
An exhibition of work by Dukinfield's local artists (if you want to enter your work, entry forms are available in March)

ASTLEY CHEETHAM GALLERY
Trinity St. Stalybridge
338 2708
Until 3rd April
"HINDU UNIVERSE"
5th April - 1st May
"EMOTIONS IN FOCUS"
Tue-Fri 1pm-8pm Sat 9- 4

ROYAL EXCHANGE THREATRE
Craft Centre, St. Anne's Square, Manchester
Friday 2nd April 1pm
The first in a series of Craftsmens Forums.
"CHARACTERS IN WOOD"
with Jan Zaluds hand carved puppets. FRANK and BRIDGET EGERTON and the mechanically animated woodcarvings of FRANK NELSON.
Tickets and further det's from Box Office 833 9333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ENQUIRIES: 061-224 0020

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Leon Rosselson, Nigel Gray and David Craig
"An Evening of Brecht"
Sat Mar 27
Birch Community Centre, Brighton Grove, Rusholme

Forkbeard Fantasy
The Cold Frame"
Thur-Sat Apr 1-3
The Brickhouse, Devas St Oxford Road, Manchester

Both at 8pm

Door £1.50
Students/Unemployed
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Glossop 5596.
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OTHER EVENTS

HUDDERSFIELD NARROW CANAL SOCIETY are having a "motorised treasure hunt" on Sun 28th March.
Interested, contact David Milsom on Huddersfield 850032.
The Annual Gen.Meeting of the Society is on 23rd Apr. at the COACH AND HORSES, Standedge, Marsden, H/fld. at 8.p.m.

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Oldham Rd. Ashton
308 3223
Sunday 4th April 7.30pm
PETER CASSON (Hypnotist)
All seats £1.50 kids/OAP £1

Mon-Fri, 19-23 April.
Tameside Dancing Schools FESTIVAL OF DANCE

AGE CONCERN
98 Old St. Ashton-U-Lyne.
308.3697.

DHSS. (Social Security)
Beech House Clarendon St.
368.4010.

RAPE CRISIS CENTRE
228.3602

WELFARE RIGHTS UNIT
6 Milk Street, HYDE
Tel: 366 5300

HOUSING AID CENTRE
Stamford Street, Ashton
330.8355

TAMESIDE VOLUNTEER BUREAU.
330 Stamford St. Ashton.
339.2345.